

WØMTL — **Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News** — WØKEM



2014 HARC OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: DON VARY, KDØHHN -- V-PRES: ED TURNER, NØWNV
TREASURER: LARRY LAUER, WB2UFO
SECRETARY: DAVE MILAM, KBØRZN
TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA
EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:
Wednesday –December 10

**NOTE: BRING SOME GOODIES, AS THIS IS THE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY,
SO WE WILL BE MEETING AT 6:30 PM IN THE UPSTAIRS ROOM WHERE WE USUALLY MEET**

Beth Haven Pleasant View
641 Euclid Avenue
Hannibal, Mo 63401

Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the club's meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.

MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – DECEMBER 2014

1 KDØHHN DON
8 WB2UFO LARRY
15 WØPGL TONY
22 KB9VIS BRIAN
29 KDØHHN DON





HARC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER, 2014 MEETING



Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN

Hannibal Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes November 12, 2014

Don (KD0HHN) opened the meeting at 7:30pm with 16 people present including 4 guests. After introductions, Don asked one of the guests, Maria Comstock to tell us a little something about herself. Maria stated that she was interested in the emergency communications aspect of amateur radio and solar power.

The minutes from the October meeting were read by Dave (KB0RZN) and discussed. Cliff (K0CA) pointed out two locations in the minutes where W1AW/0 needed to be corrected in the minutes. Ed (N0WNV) made a motion to approve with corrections, Howard (K0DFW) seconded and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Larry (WB2UFO). Last month's Ending Balance was \$1,529.17; this month's ending balance is \$1,563.17. The CD balance is \$1,319.34, and Total Assets are \$2,882.51. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Cliff (K0CA) and seconded by Ed (K9WAY). The motion carried.

Repeaters:

Don (KD0HHN) reported that both repeaters seem to be operating with no problems.

Unfinished Business:

Don (KD0HHN) reminded everyone that Club dues will be coming up in January. They remain at twenty dollars and five dollars for each additional family member.

Mike (NA9Q) was scheduled to give a DSTAR demonstration, but he emailed Don (KD0HHN) informing him they are having problems with the DSTAR repeater. They will try to have the issues

resolved and we will postpone the demonstrations until the December meeting. Everyone agreed that having the repeater active would help the demonstration.

Don (KD0HHN) also mentioned that the December meeting is also our Christmas Party. He had talked to the Beth Haven Staff and we will meet in our normal meeting room at 6:30pm. December is also when we hold election of officers. The current slate of officers are Don (KD0HHN), President, Ed (N0WNV), Vice President, Dave (KB0RZN) Secretary, Larry (WB2UFO) Treasurer, and Cliff (K0CA) Trustee. Anyone interested in running for any of these positions, let Don (KD0HHN) know.

New Business:

We will also be voting on the "Member of the Year" award to be presented at the Club Dinner, Don (KD0HHN) will contact Golden Corral and make arrangements for the second week in February. Cliff (K0CA) inquired if we had a list of previous Members of the Year. Don (KD0HHN) suggested contacting Fred (KB0WIL) or Bonnie (WB0WAP) to see if we have any records.

Cliff (K0CA) reported results for Field Day 2014. The results were published in QST for December, and our Club did well in the 2F category which is two transmitters operating at an Emergency Operations Center. We finished first in Missouri. We had 667 contacts, 2 stations (plus the GOTA station) 14 operators and total points of 3324.

The Western Illinois Radio Club in Quincy also did well finishing 2nd in Illinois with 3254 points. Don thanked everyone that contributed to Field Day and reported we did well considering we had to set up at a new and unfamiliar location. We are looking at holding Field Day at the Heath Department again next year. We will have to address some concerns they have about operations lasting throughout the night.

Don (KD0HHN) reported Larry (WB2UFO) found a 1964 Field Day document. It had a list of all the operators including some of our present day members including Carol (WA9EFV), and John (WA0CHK). Anyone wishing to look at it, contact Larry.

50/50:

The 50/50 was won by Dave (KB0RZN) and was donated back to the Club. Cliff (K0CA) also donated several books for a raffle, and log books for us to use at Field Day.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed (K9WAY), and it was seconded by Luan (KA9WAY). The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN

HARC CLUB DUES:

HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2015

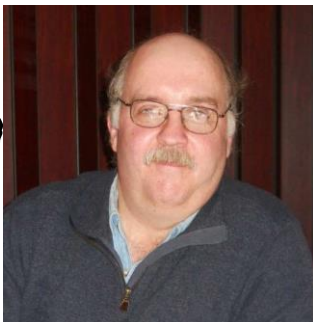
JANUARY 14th, APRIL 8th, JULY 8th, OCTOBER 14th

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KB0WIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2015 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK **BY DON VARY KDØHHN**



11-19-2014, Once again, I see the "silly season" is upon us. Christmas displays are up, and the other day when I was in County Market, I heard Christmas music. It seems like each year the stores are pushing the Christmas season earlier and earlier. Oh well, what can a person do. Watching the stories out of Buffalo and western New York bring back some memories, as well as reminders about the season.

If you are traveling, remember to check the weather conditions before you leave and allow extra time. Also make sure that your cell phone, and mobile or HT are working as well. One story from Buffalo mentioned that during the digging out efforts, a vehicle was found buried in the snow with the occupant still inside. If you are traveling and do get stuck, stay with your vehicle, but make sure that you keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow. Most people carry a blanket in their vehicle, so that, along with running your vehicle intermittently, helps keep you warm. Carrying small items, like candy bars, a small camping style cup for melting snow, and drinking fluids, even a small candle can help make a time of being stuck in the snow a little less stressful.

The winter weather can and usually does cause hazards around the home as well. Icy sidewalks and driveways lead to slips, falls, and usually trips to the hospital. Heavy, wet snowfall, or as we used to refer to it on the Ambulance crew that I worked with, cardiac snow, can lead to heart attacks from trying to clear your

driveway. Usually the best way to deal with this is to have a plow on a vehicle to move it, or find some neighborhood kid and pay him or her \$20.00 to clear it. And, of course, the weather can create problems for our equipment as well. Ice buildup on antennas can affect transmissions, as well as collapse antennas or towers supporting them. High winds can also damage antennas and or/towers, which can in turn do damage to our radios. I generally try to go out at least once a day, more in bad weather to make sure that my antennas are up and that hopefully there is no ice buildup that needs to be attended to. So far, over the past few winters I've been lucky, and I'm not going to complain.

Well I guess that's all for this month, don't forget that dues are due by January. Also I hope that everyone has a safe Thanksgiving, and if you have to travel, look out for the other guy because they are probably not looking out for others.

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DX News and Notes, DECEMBER 2014

by Mike Nowack NA9Q



DX Notes & News



DX NOTES....

As we move into 2015, it may well become known as the 'Year of the Islands'. As noted in last month's column, a Navassa Island (KP1) operation has been announced and will start early in the year. On the heels of that announcement comes the news that a Cocos Island (TI9) operation will take place shortly thereafter. In addition, it is strongly rumored that a Venezuelan group will soon be announcing an operation from Aves Island (YV0) and that it will take place early in 2015. Although

Aves and Cocos Islands are not among the top 20 or so most wanted by the international DX community, these operations will still draw a great deal of interest among those DX'ers who have started collecting entities in the last 8 to 10 years or need band fills (me included). Among the three, Navassa will still be the gem operation.

However, all will be lead-ins to the main attractions which will come at the end of 2015. First is the Heard Island operation in early 2016. Heard is certainly well up in everyone's top 5 lists. This venture has been in the planning for several years and all seems to be falling into place. It has been well over a decade since the last operation. Now comes a second main attraction which will tickle everyone's interest and that is a Bouvet Island (3Y) operation of 2 weeks duration starting at about December 15, 2015. The planning and hard work of the Heard Island group is well known and they will pull that one off. The logistical challenges of a Bouvet operation are quite unique for the target island and it will be interesting to watch it unfold. At the same time, Mark, ON4WW, is seeking funding support for his one man, three month operation from this same remote, inhospitable ice block called Bouvet. He claims to have all necessary permissions; landing, operating and environmental. He says he simply needs the money to make it happen. Whether or not he can attract funding and pull this off and survive three months alone on Bouvet remain to be seen. Check it out at:

<http://www.on4ww.be/bouvet2016.html>

DX News.....

VIET NAM, 3W. Tony, KM0O will be QRV as 3W3O from Da Nang from November 25 to December 24. Activity is on all bands. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Operators Vadim, R9DX, Serge, UA8DX and Igor, UA9CDC will be QRV as 8Q7DV from Sun Island, IOTA AS-013, from November 24 to December 4. Activity is on the HF bands with a main focus on the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via R9DX.

GRENADA, J3. Rob, DL7VOA is QRV as J34O until December 6. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

SVALBARD, JW. Svein, LA9JKA (ex-JX9JKA), will once again be active as JW9JKA from Bear Island (EU-027) between (Approx.) December 6th and May 30th (2015). Activity will be limited to his spare-time, and Svein will be focusing on the bands from 160-6 meters. Equipment is limited, due to rules of work. Focus will be on 160m during the winter, and 6m in springtime. QSL only direct to his home address (see QRZ.com).

ANTARCTICA. Ron, K6REF is currently QRV as K6REF/KC4 from the US Yesterday Camp on the Ross Ice Shelf, Antarctica for about two weeks. QSL via operator's instructions.

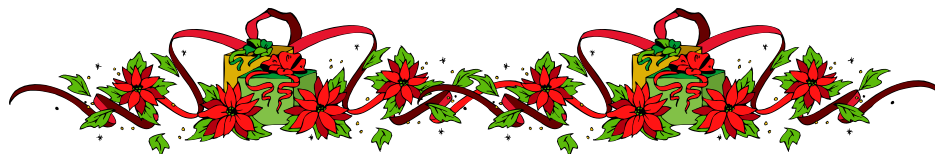
MOUNT ATHOS, SV/A. Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, was heard early Sunday morning (1415z+/-) on 10 meters RTTY (around 28091 kHz). QSL via SV2ASP/A.

INDIA, VU. Datta, VU3DSI is QRV as special event station AU2JCB until December 9 to commemorate the birthday of Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using SSB and FM. QSL to home call.

SOUTH SUDAN, Z8. Massimo, IZ0EGB is currently QRV as Z81B from Juba. He is active on 40 to 6 meters using SSB. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

As always, thanks go to the ARRL DX Bulletin, The Ohio Penn DX Newsletter, and the 425 DX News letter for much of the above information.

73 and good DX, Mike NA9Q



**FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK
BY LARRY LAUER WB2UFO**



Larry Lauer, WB2UFO

Hope to see everybody at the next meeting!

ITEMS FOR SALE

Ron / AA9GL

rose@comcast.net

HF Gear For Sale --- Kenwood (TS-570S) 160/6m - Yaesu (FT450D) 160/6m - Alinco (DX-SR8) 160/10m - Kenwood TL-922A Amp 160/10m Spare 3-500 . --- EMail for info and Pictures

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

Hooray, I am at home and doing well. It will take time, but JD is taking good care of me. I had a three way by pass on Friday, and they had me up running the halls on Saturday!

Unbelievable! I want to thank each and everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, and beautiful flowers. You are the greatest! Hope you had a great Thanksgiving and will have a great Christmas. Our family, and I am sure others have much to be thankful for.

Bonnie, WB0WAP

Dear Troops, Thanks to you, our flag is proudly flying over this country!



BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

**Do not be terrified;
do not be discouraged
for the Lord your God
will be with you
wherever you go.**

(Joshua 1:9)

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